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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of: )  
 Joel B. Epstein ) Group Art Unit: 1617  
 Serial No.: 09/433,418 ) Examiner: Bahar, M.  
 Filed: November 4, 1999 )  
 For: TOPICAL AZATHIOPRINE FOR )  
 THE TREATMENT OF ORAL )  
 AUTOIMMUNE DISEASES )

Commissioner for Patents  
 Washington, D.C. 20231

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, please enter the following amendments to the claims of the pending application.

Please cancel claims 11 and 29 without prejudice to Applicant's right to pursue prosecution of these claims in a continuation application.

Please substitute the following amended claim(s) for the pending claim(s) of the same number, and add new claims 37 to 39.

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(37 C.F.R. §1.10)

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